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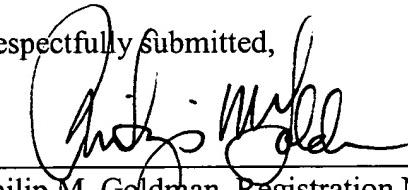
This Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and Amendment are filed in response to the final Office Action mailed November 28, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended to April 28, 2004 by the accompanied Petition For Extension Of Time.

The rejection under Section 102(b) is respectfully traversed. Applicant has adopted what appears to be the Examiner's suggested editorial amendment, thereby addressing what appears to be the Examiner's sole remaining concern regarding the manner in which the present claims distinguish over Jass et al. In the event the Examiner has additional or different thoughts along these lines he is requested to both review Applicant's previous discussion regarding these matters, as well as to telephone the undersigned. Otherwise, it would appear that the claims are in condition for allowance, and favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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